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# Potential university merger raises questions

BY PETE HICKS  
Editorial Editor

Salisbury University may soon receive greater competition for state funding in the form of a unification of two Maryland universities.

The Maryland General Assembly has directed the University System of Maryland to conduct a study on the potential merger of the University of Maryland, College Park, and University of Maryland, Baltimore, in order to consolidate the programs of the two state universities.

"It would create more opportunities for students," said Sarah Jansson, SU Student Government Association vice president.

The USM Board of Regents, which is in charge of the study, is researching "the projected costs, both immediate

and long-term, associated with merging UMB and UMCP into a single institution for the USM and its other institutions," according to its official work plan.

UMCP is Maryland's flagship institution of higher education, and it receives state funding. Adding another university onto UMCP could decrease the allotment of state funds that would otherwise go to SU. The study is designed to look into this potential problem and determine whether or not the merger would be financially sound for all of Maryland's universities.

The merger would create an institution of learning known simply as the University of Maryland. The idea was opened for discussion because the two schools have complimentary programs

and has many doctoral and research programs. UMB is mainly professional training and contains seven professional schools that train many of the state's medical staff, social workers and lawyers. The two schools also have very few overlapping programs, according to the study work plan of the potential merger provided by the University System of Maryland.

The topic was presented to SU students at the SU SGA meeting on Sept. 25 by SU's representative for the USM student council, Mike Bengtson.

"They would complement each other well, but they are 42 miles apart," Bengtson said.

The distance could prove to be a problem with connecting the two schools, as students who take classes at both universities during the merger

would have an extensive commute.

"I don't know where the logic is," said SU senior Shaun Powell. "It seems logistically impossible."

With the merger having valid positive points and serious issues, students must wait to see the findings of the study being done on the merger to fully understand its potential impact.

The merger is not officially on the table for voting in the state senate. Data is being gathered on the issue and will be presented to the senate by Dec. 15. A decision will be formally debated in 2012.

Students have no actual vote on the matter because decisions about state universities and their funding are decided by elected officials. However, students may answer survey questions on the issue and learn more about the reasons behind the possible merger at

[www.USMD.edu](http://www.USMD.edu) or write to their state representatives for information.

The USM student council will meet at SU on May 6 to discuss the matter among university representatives.

The USM Board of Regents has scheduled two public hearings, seen below, as part of its study of the potential merger of UMB and UMCP.

## Public hearings:

October 21, 3-5 p.m. at UMB, in the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center Ballroom at 621 Lombard St.

October 28, 1-3 p.m. on at UMCP, in the Prince George's Room on the first floor of the Stamp Student Union.

# ABC reveals 'Extreme' renovations

BY KATELYN DRAPER  
Staff Writer

In less than a week, Extreme Makeover: Home Edition built a house from the bottom up and finally asked the bus driver to "Move That Bus" for the Johnson-Goslee family last Tuesday night in Mardela Springs.

"They really needed it, and we're so blessed to have had this happen," said Trudy Granby, aunt of the family.

Last Christmas Eve, 15-year-old Wyzhir Johnson lost his hand while repairing the carpeting in the family's former home. A few months later, Granby's niece, Janelle Depree, sent in an application to Extreme Makeover: Home Edition with Johnson's story in hopes that they might be chosen. Little did Depree know, less than two weeks ago, Ty Pennington, TV host for EMHE, would come knocking on their door and begin their EMHE journey.

"Even though it was freezing and raining Friday night, there were so many people who were willing to help out," said sophomore Becca Wanner. "It was amazing to see how many people were truly dedicated to helping this family."

Volunteers from all around the area, including residents of Salisbury and Mardela Springs, Salisbury University students, faculty, and staff, and organizations, in-

cluding Wraparound Maryland, Inc., a non-profit established to "provide care coordination to youth and their families," came to be a part of the magic happening on Old School Road.

"I can't wait to see the reactions of the family and to be able to follow the children throughout the years to come," said Kim Wolf, community resource specialist for Wraparound Maryland, Inc.

The organization compiled written encouragements from the families in the program and children who came to volunteer and made a scrapbook that was presented to the Johnson-Goslee family at the reveal.

Aside from rebuilding the Johnson-Goslee home, EMHE worked on individual projects for families that live nearby. EMHE staff and volunteers landscaped each house, built a playground for the grandchildren of Wyzhir's grandfather, Tommy Dennard, dug a garden for the grandmother's home and reroofed part of Zion United Methodist, the family's church building down the road.

"Getting involved with EMHE has inspired me to find time to get involved in the community more so I can help leave a lasting impression when I graduate," said sophomore Marguerite Gilchrist.

Just hours before the reveal, volunteers were scattered all over the site painting forgotten spots, laying



Katelyn Draper photo

ABC staff and community volunteers prepare the house for the reveal on Tuesday.

sod and adding landscape to the new home.

"I loved serving with my friends and doing something together and growing in our friendship by helping others," said sophomore Jennifer Schomburg. "When we put aside our own needs and spend our time serving others, big things can happen."

Big things did happen when the Johnson-Goslee family was presented with their new home. This was also a new start for another student at Mardela High School who is also receiving a bionic hand much like Wyzhir.

Along with the new home, Wyzhir and his sister Renee will be receiving a full scholarship to Salisbury University.

"I thought I never would've experienced tough times like this, but hang in there and keep praying," Granby said.



Katelyn Draper photo

Workers cut wood to build the Johnson-Goslee house.

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# Low-rated professors reflect on their scores

BY JAMES TOWNSEND  
Staff Writer

Students will soon be pouring through course catalogues with advising right around the corner, carefully considering each professor in search of those perfect spring classes. Many will turn to RateMyProfessors.com for guidance.

RateMyProfessors.com is a website devoted to evaluating a professor's helpfulness, clarity, easiness and overall quality, based on students' reviews. The site has been criticized over the years for its rating system that reputedly favors easiness over quality, and for being an anonymous venting space for unhappy students.

SU senior CJ Polisenio said he's aware of the fact that most of the reviews are from people who are either very happy or very angry.

"It's not an exact science. I don't read too much into it," Polisenio said. "But so far it's always given me a pretty good indication as to how receptive a professor will be."

Polisenio is not alone, either. Many SU students find RateMyProfessors.com to be a valuable tool, even a defining factor when choosing their classes.

Despite its popularity, most professors and faculty find the site easy to dismiss as inaccurate, saying student evaluation forms are a better alternative. However, results from a study

conducted by the University of Maine argue that point.

The study, published in the journal Practical Assessment, Research & Evaluation, found that the results of RateMyProfessors.com closely correlated with the results of student evaluation forms filled out at the end of the semester. It states that its findings "should give pause to those who are inclined to dismiss RMP indices as meaningless."

Among those who discredit the site is the sociology department chair Diane Illig, although she admitted she has never visited the site.

"It's a selection bias," Illig said. "It's more often than not disgruntled students who are submitting to the site. Positive experiences are rarely taken into consideration. It's not a balanced view."

Nevertheless, some students find the site to be a semi-accurate way of rating instructors. Because of this, the five lowest-rated professors (with the highest number of ratings) on RateMyProfessors.com were sought after to tell their side of the story.

Professors Samuel Geleta, biology, and Moazzam Mohammed, mathematics, were unable to comment for the story due to time constraints. Shawn McEntee, sociology, the second lowest-rated professor, declined request for an interview.

Kurt Ludwick, mathematics, is the fifth lowest-rated professor. He said

the rating surprised him, though he admits he's not terribly upset about it.

"I think I'm a good teacher, otherwise I wouldn't do it," said Ludwick. "I'm a good teacher to students who want to do well (and are) not for those looking for an easy A. In a way, I'm happy the site keeps away those students."

**"I'm a tough grader, and I give tough assignments. I don't put up with students' boloney."**  
- Robert Berry

History professor Robert Berry, the lowest-rated professor at SU, was not at all surprised by his rating and was happy to give his opinion on the site.

"It's a nice bunch of bullshit for students with no lives to 'get back' at teachers for giving them bad grades," Berry said. "I'm a tough grader, and I give tough assignments. I don't put up with students' boloney."

Berry said he believes he is an 'old-fashioned' professor who doesn't use much in the way of PowerPoint or

videos, calling it "a lazy way of using a blackboard."

"I don't do much in-class discussion either. I don't see the value," Berry said. "If you don't know what you're talking about, why talk? You're taking the class in the first place because you don't know the material."

Not only does Berry not give any weight to his rating on RateMyProfessors.com, he also believes that student evaluations aren't very valuable either. He admits he's often been disappointed with what students produce.

"Many come in completely unprepared for the real world and give no effort. They think 'gee whiz, I'm going to get out and get that \$100,000 a year job,' which they won't. The world doesn't work that way."

In general, the sentiments of most faculty members on the website are mirrored by Berry when he said, "Most students could be capable, if they just decided to do the work. Don't blame the instructor when it's your responsibility to do well."

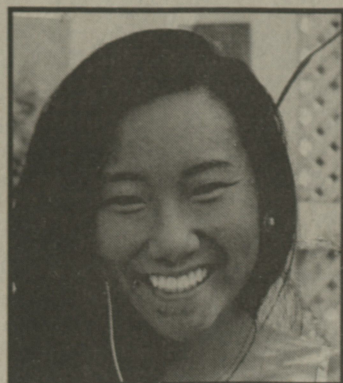
Senior Devin Anonsen said he is cynical when it comes to the teacher-student relationship.

"Teachers don't care what students think of them, unless it affects their pay," Anonsen said. "If they have tenure, no one cares how students feel, no matter how valid the complaint."



# Overheard: How have Apple products influenced your life?

Photos by Danielle Duplain



"I guess as far as a sense of amenities, I'd never own anything other than an iPod. Everyone knows what Apple is, it's definitely a crucial part of my life." -Erin Lange, Sophomore



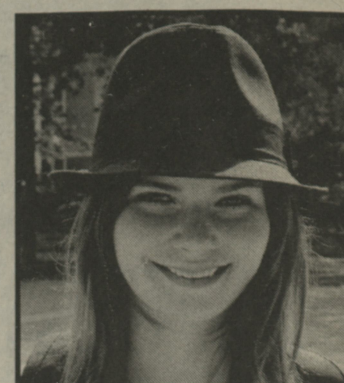
"I have a Mac computer and I'm on it most of the time during the day, so in that sense it's impacted me." -Karl McMichael, Sophomore



"It's made it easier for me to live." -Kevin Newsome, Junior



"I actually don't use many Apple products except my iPod." -Lenec Silver, Senior



"Apple products have impacted me immensely, I use them every-day. I have a Macbook and an iPod." -Monica Era, Sophomore

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## Troy Davis: Injustice over innocence



BY AJIA ALLEN  
Staff Writer

Troy Davis' recent case spurred reactions from many people, particularly from the African-American community.

The justice system is again being questioned by many concerned individuals. Davis' case was filled with ambiguity and many speculated that it was unfair. Not only is the justice system baring reprimand for its actions, but the fairness of capital punishment has resurfaced as a dominant concern.

Davis was a presumably innocent African-American man put to

death by lethal injection on Sept. 21 at Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison located in Jackson, Ga. Davis was indicted for the murder of police officer Mark MacPhail on Nov. 15, 1989 and sentenced to death on Aug. 30, 1991 by a grand jury.

Twenty years of Davis' life were spent on death row, and although he claimed noninvolvement in MacPhail's murder, countless appeals sent to the Georgia Supreme Court on Davis' behalf were denied. In December 2001, seven of the prosecution's main eyewitnesses changed their testimonies, stating that they were coerced by the police, who were using threats to gain condemning statements.

Davis gained great support from many, including prominent figures such as Pope Benedict XVI and former President Jimmy Carter.

Even with so much support and consistent problems throughout the case, Davis was still put to death at 42 years old. His last words maintained his innocence.

Similar notorious cases have been scattered throughout American history and politics. Because of that, feelings of inequality will seemingly forever burden the minorities of the United States.

Even though African-Americans were incensed by this case, Americans of all backgrounds were outraged by the possibility of executing a man that repeatedly claimed innocence, along with a case that increasingly pointed toward injustice. Due to the attention given to this case, many are now concerned about the use of the death penalty in the U.S.

The U.S. was built on a justice system of laws that create a battle between morality and conformity. The new generation has the responsibility of rejecting conformity and overcoming a flawed establishment.

Staying aware of world issues are where future leaders start on the path to activism. The devotion to morality is how this activism continues.

## Students should give culture a chance



BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
Gull Life Editor

Two weekends ago a prestigious musical group came to Salisbury, and the university was its first stop in its month-long tour across the continental United States.

On Oct. 1, I attended a free concert given by The President's Own United States Marine Band. The band, which has been in existence for almost as long as our country itself, is best known for its performance at every presidential inauguration since 1801. They also perform at state ceremonies, state arrival ceremonies and military funerals.

They came to Salisbury University, a school in what some might call "the

middle of nowhere."

The concert, which was phenomenal, featured a wide range of music, from traditional marches to a medley of songs reminiscent of World War II. It was an experience that I will never forget. However, I couldn't help but notice that the audience consisted largely of elderly members from the community.

Of course, this in itself is not a problem; however, I wish that there had been more SU students in attendance. Why weren't they there? This performance was a big deal; the Marine Band is an important part of our national culture. This concert was an opportunity for us to take part in that culture.

So many complain that there's nothing to do in Salisbury other than drink. But if you look, there are so many unique opportunities to get involved in the community.

We all know that Extreme Makeover: Home Edition chose to film one of its episodes nearby in Mardela Springs. I've actually never seen the show, but it's still an amazing opportunity. But did you hear that Gant's grandson came to speak last month? (He teaches a curse every few

weeks at the school.) Or that an internationally famous Chinese dance group is performing in December?

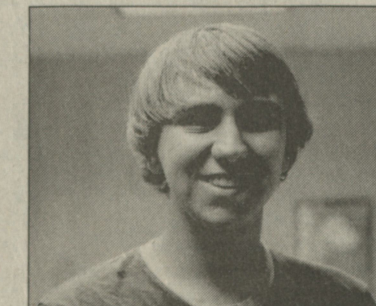
There's so much going on in our campus community, but some of us don't slow down to notice it. Our cultural laureate program works to bring opportunities such as these to campus throughout the year. Plastic Fantastic, DJ Rekha and Zumba fitness are just a few examples. There's always something going on, both during the week and on the weekends.

When it's all said and done, we'll leave college with a degree, some classroom knowledge and hopefully life-long friendships. But what if we could take a bit more?

Why did we come to college? To party every weekend and get so drunk we can't see what's in front of us? OK, maybe for some of us that's true. But why not take something else out of this four-year experience? Why not learn something about the local, national or world-wide community?

After all, college is expensive, and you could get drunk anywhere. But many of these events are unique to the college experience. This is our opportunity. Now is our time to take it.

## The Republican war on troops



BY STEVEN CENNAME  
Staff Writer

Our men and women in the armed forces deserve the highest praise, respect and honor for all they sacrifice to make sure we can sleep safely at night. It is sad that it took so long to stop many soldiers from being discharged because of who they love.

The repeal of the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy will be remembered as one of President Obama's greatest achievements. The repeal was monumental because homosexual soldiers can now serve openly in the military without the fear of being discharged.

At the most recent Republican debate, a gay soldier asked the candidates via online video if they plan to continue allowing openly gay soldiers, such as him, in the military if they are elected. The audience, being the anti-gay, socially backward conservatives that they were, loudly booed the soldier.

Booting a man who has volunteered to risk his life for people like those hateful homophobes in that audience is completely reprehensible. To many Republicans, the man's lifestyle is more important than his courageous and honorable actions. It is cowardly to

disrespect a man who has a job that none of the people who booed him have the courage to do.

Everyone who booed the soldier that night should write him a letter of apology and also thank him for his service, but that is wishful thinking.

Forcing gay soldiers to stay in the closet is not all Republicans have done to show that they are hypocrites when they shout "Support Our Troops." For nearly 30 years, the Republican Party has continuously supported slashing the benefits of soldiers and veterans.

In the 1980s, the Reagan administration tried to balance the budget on the backs of soldiers. After staunch opposition from the Democratic Party, Reagan slashed veterans' benefits and shut down rehabilitation clinics for recovering Vietnam veterans. This led to many Vietnam veterans becoming homeless and hungry, and also made the economy worse rather than better.

Now, Republicans in the House of Representatives have proposed a budget plan that includes cutting soldiers' paychecks, pensions and benefits. The Republican Party has also opposed ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, regardless of the fact that they are major sources of America's debt, due to their weekly billion-dollar cost.

Instead of trying to cut spending by slashing soldiers' benefits, Washington should cut spending by ending wars.

There is a way college students can stop this war on troops: send emails to Republican congressmen calling for them to reconsider the Democrats' plan to bring our troops home and keep their benefits intact. Next election, students can show politicians in Washington that waging social wars on our armed forces has consequences.

## Watch the Throne: Royal success



BY LESLIE ROANE  
Staff Writer

"Watch the Throne," a collaboration by Kanye West and Jay-Z, is one of the most well-received hip hop albums released in 2011. The album has now reached Platinum status.

This album has heavy beats and even harder lyrics. It is hard to put down once you've picked it up.

The beats and instrumentals are beyond amazing. Kanye West produced all of the songs, which was anticipated since he does a lot of production work. The ending of "Ni\*\*as in Paris" has a very dubstep/grime type beat, while the rest of the song has a very upbeat, positive instrumental.

Another dubstep infused song is "Who Gon Stop Me". Another song, "Why I Love You", has beats that make the listener want to head-bang because it's so heavy.

The lyrics for this album are "rich-

boy" rap, so to speak. A lot of the songs on this album talk about expensive cars and money. For example, "They ain't see me cause I pulled up in my other Benz. Last week I was in my other Benz, throw your diamonds up..."

Also, the choruses of most of these songs are very catchy. A handful of songs rely on samples of older songs. The song "Otis" relies on samples from "A Little Tenderness" by Otis Redding.

It's very difficult to pick a favorite song from this album, because all of the songs are very catchy. My favorite from this album has to be "Why I Love You" for several reasons.

The hook alone, "Oooh, I love you so. But why I love you, I'll never know," is done in two different keys. "Why I Love You" allows Jay-Z to discuss the betrayal that happened within Roc-A-Fella records, the label he began with Dame Dash in the early 90s.

This album has heavy, strong beats, excellent lyrics and great production done by two of the most popular artists out there.

LOVE IT OR FLUSH IT? Love it! This is my favorite album from the summer 2011.

Love it: "Made in America", "Why I Love You", "Ni\*\*as in Paris" and "Who Gon Stop Me".

Flush it: "Lift Off", "The Joy", and "Like a Mother\*\*ker Alive".

### Correction:

In the Oct. 4 issue, in an article titled "Atheist Society fliers vandalized," The Flyer incorrectly printed that Yamine Fleury is the president of Campus Catholic Ministry. Christina Sesok and Lazarus Ogbojewe are the current co-presidents of CCM.

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# GREEK SPEAK

ERIN LAFFEY  
Panhel Correspondent

Everyone knows that the Greeks here at Salisbury University are involved on campus and in the community, but people question what gives us the drive to become involved. My answer is leadership.

What is a leader? What are their qualities? A leader is an influential individual possessing the qualities necessary to set an example that others are willing to follow.

Every day, Greeks face the challenge to step up and be leaders, and quite frankly, skills are necessary to do so. Becoming a successful leader is not something that happens over night; it takes time.

Greeks are given the opportunity to start bettering their leadership skills through philanthropy, community service, volunteering and chapter positions.

Last week, members of Greek life were asked to attend a leadership retreat.

"The retreat taught me to hold onto my obligations in the sorority as not just a sister and friend, but a leader and representative of my sorority," said Nicole O'Connor, sister of Delta Gamma.

"It is important to always live your letters, and leadership is what you do and what you say you can do."

As a community, Greeks know that the role of leadership is something that comes packaged with our letters, which is why we live by leading.

CATHERINE NOPPENBERGER  
Panhel Correspondent

I bet you didn't know that 48 percent of United States presidents have been Greek.

As we all know, none of these Greeks were beautiful, intelligent females. But not to worry, with the wonderful women here in Salisbury University's Greek Life, it isn't hard to believe that the first female president will be Greek.

Looking back in history, many of women's finest accomplishments were completed by Greek women. Alpha Sigma Tau and Zeta Tau Alpha have had multiple winners of the popular pageant, Miss USA.

Not into pageants? You can also find Greek women anywhere from Broadway to Fox News.

The movie The Help is based off a bestselling novel written by a Phi Mu.

The first woman to be nominated for the President's cabinet was a Delta Gamma.

Even better, the first female federal judge to swear in a President was a Delta Gamma as well. Zeta Tau Alpha is proud to say one of their alumni was the first woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize in music composition.

If you want to have a part in shaping history, consider joining a Greek Life organization here at SU.

# Bad Advice

BY JORDAN

Dear Jordan,

I really, REALLY like this girl. I've tried complimenting her and I've tried teasing her. I've tried every line in the book. I even wrote a poem for the girl and even that didn't work. How can I make her like me?

-No Game

Dear No Game,

You need a shot of testosterone. Here is what I suggest:

- Get in fights with as many other guys as you can in front of her. She'll think you're really manly.
- Insult her. Nothing will make a girl want you more than making her feel insecure.
- Only compliment her physical attributes. Think T&A. It's a good idea to grab a little for emphasis.
- Flirt with all of her friends (even the wildebeests). This will make her insecure and jealous, making her more likely to latch onto you for support.
- Be as immature as possible.

If you want to get a girl to like you, you have to learn what makes her tick. Don't assume she wants a hopeless romantic because she may not.

You want to know the way my ex got me? He threw a salad at me from across the lunch table in high school. Apparently, he had tried to be nice and talk to me for a while, and I never noticed so the Sasquatch hit me with bowl of lettuce, instead.

Good luck Casanova,

Jordan

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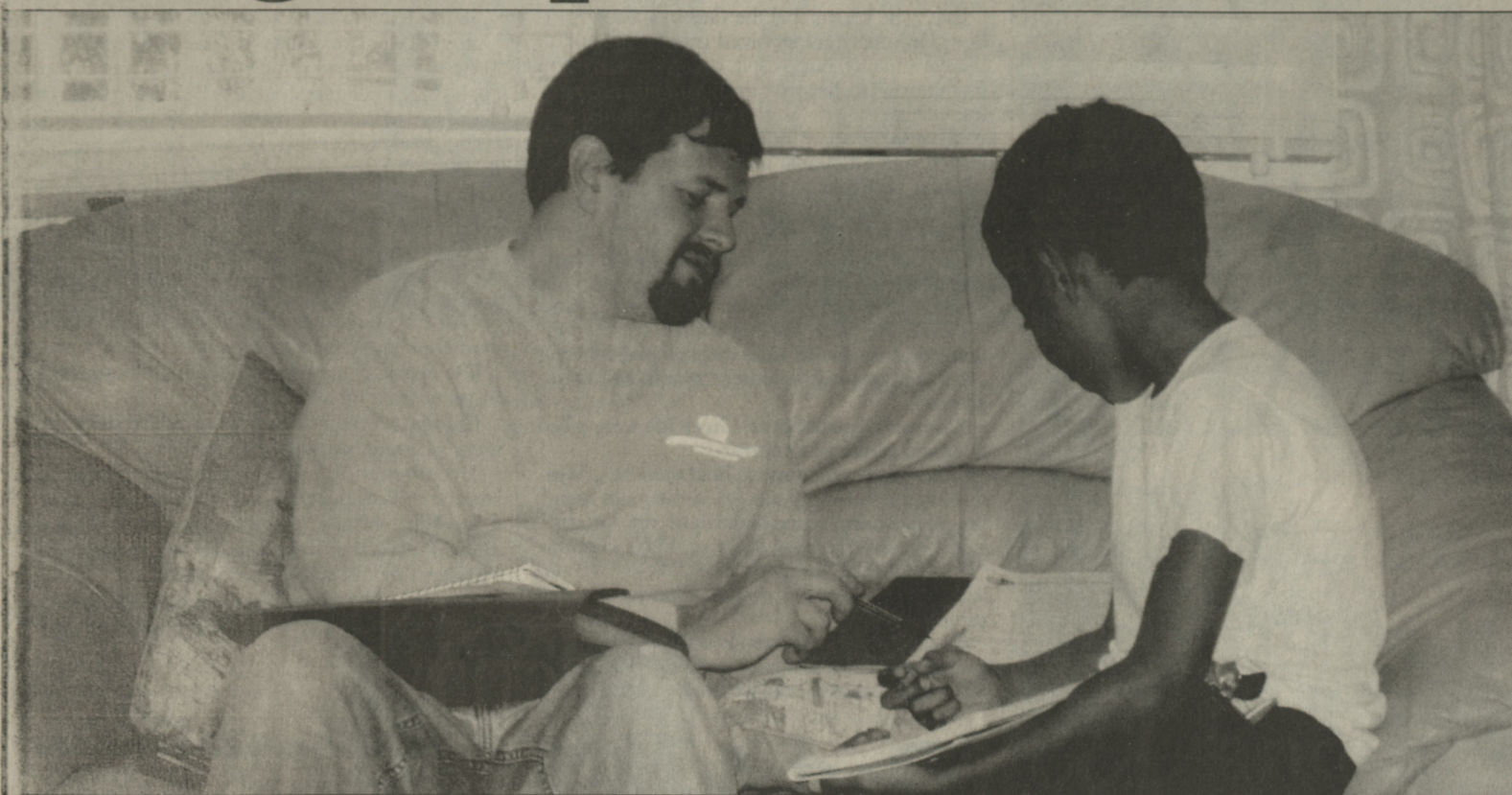
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## Village helps women rebuild



Kristina Jackereas photo

Cathy Seltzer's son, Issaiah, gets help with his math homework from tutor, Chris Johansson, in the transitional housing center, the Village of Hope.

BY KRISTINA JACKEREAS  
Staff Writer

Since April 1, 28-year-old Cathy Seltzer has lived in the Village of Hope with her three children, in an effort to rebound after years of poverty and drug abuse.

After beginning her journey of recovery at the Hope and Life Outreach Ministry Homeless Shelter, Seltzer came to the Village to get back on her feet.

"The staff at the Village of Hope is very supportive," Seltzer said. "If you show them that you're willing to help yourself, they'll without a doubt help you."

According to HALO, about 24 percent of single women are living in poverty in Salisbury. About 18 percent of the homeless are children, and about 26 percent of the homeless are suffering from drug or alcohol abuse.

Since its spinoff from the Joseph House, a homeless shelter for men, the Village of Hope has served to decrease these numbers.

The Village of Hope is a non-profit organization that offers a two-year transitional living program for women between the ages of 18-55. Many of the women were either living in poverty, in danger of living in poverty or suffering from abusive relationships.

"The program helps the women become more self-sufficient and build toward a better future," said Jasmine Rogers, an SU alumna and part-time assistant case manager at the Village.

Rogers is one of many staff members who help each of the women and children within the Village's 14 apartments.

"There are many workshops at the Village for the women and children," Rogers said. "We have parent workshops, which help the women when it comes to raising their children; storytelling workshops, which teach the res-



Kristina Jackereas photo

Cathy Seltzer helps her son, Issaiah, with his math homework. The Village of Hope has a common room where the women can relax and unwind with their children.

idents how to be personable with others, and GED workshops."

The residents can also meet with therapists, and tutors come in Monday through Friday to help the children with their homework.

"This job is so rewarding," Rogers said. "I love interacting with the women and children... These women have come so far, and I'm honored that I get to help them."

Seltzer is one of the many women at the Village who is struggling to make her life better after living in poverty and a bad relationship. She is in the GED program, learning algebra and writing skills. She cherishes her three boys, Issaiah, 10, Isaac, 6, and Christopher, 5.

"It wasn't easy for us to adjust here," Seltzer said. "It's hard to get used to the rules and curfews."

However, Rogers noted that the curfews are for the residents' safety.

"The rules keep them in order, and curfew exceptions only happen when one of the women have to work late," Rogers said.

Village resident Sharie Furr doesn't enjoy the curfew either, but appreciates what the Village has done for her and her two boys.

"I don't enjoy having to come home at 11 on weekends and 10 on weekdays," Furr said. "But my children have made friends and that's great to see. I appreciate the fresh start the Village has given me, and I hope to finish college once I'm back on my feet."

Though she had been dealing with drug abuse since middle school, Seltzer has been clean since 2003, and has set many goals for herself. One of these goals includes becoming a certified

nursing assistant and becoming a substance abuse counselor for adolescents.

"After suffering from drug abuse, I realized that I wanted to help people like myself. I want to help people get back on their feet like I did. Since I've been clean, I have been sharing my story with others at churches and youth centers in Delmar, Ocean City, and Cambridge," Seltzer said.

Another one of Seltzer's goals is to someday own her own car, but for now, she is enjoying the GED program and spending time with her children and the other residents.

"My favorite thing here is the other residents," Seltzer said. "We sit outside and watch our children play, and encourage each other to do the best we can... We are our own support system."

## Oktoberfest faces obstacles

German club disappointed by low funding and opposition against T-shirt design.

BY JOHN TULLY  
Staff Writer

All the German club president Carolyn Zimmerman wants is this year's 39th annual Oktoberfest, to go off without a hitch.

The event, with its projected attendance of 2,500 people, demands much in the form of food, prizes, T-shirts and security. The German club requested \$3,130 with the expectation that the Appropriations Board would help fund some of the event. The Board allotted \$1,835, leaving the German club to cover the rest of the bill. Compared to the difference of \$129 from last year's request of \$3,334.49, Zimmerman felt she was left high and dry.

"I don't think it's an unreasonable amount considering the size of the event. We're trying to reach out to the community. The city of Salisbury doesn't host an Oktoberfest - Ocean City does, Cambridge does - if we could, we'd like to make that happen," said Zimmerman, who feels as if the publicity that these plans could bring to the school more than offsets the cost.

The Appropriations Board did not reply with comment on this incongruity.

Salisbury's Oktoberfest is notorious for being one of the only school-sanctioned opportunities for students to drink on campus, yet Zimmerman continued to encounter restrictions at SU's Press and Publications Department, who refused to allow the Oktoberfest T-shirts to feature the infamous beer stein on it, despite a similar graphic on last year's advertisements for the "Oktoberfest Dinner" hosted by The Commons.

"I just feel like we're being singled out," said Zimmerman, despite their self-imposed restrictions on serving the notably apposite drink. "It's a key element of Oktoberfest, just as much as traditional German food is."

Zimmerman feels as if in a round-about way, these types of restrictions impede her club's ability to present the beer in a mature way.

"They were really worried about how it would reflect back on the university, but I think it's unfair to put that kind of weight on a T-shirt," said Zimmerman, who suggested that perhaps responsible, legal drinking is the kind of thing Salisbury University should want people to associate it with.

**If you go:**  
What: Oktoberfest  
When: Wednesday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Where: Fulton Hall lawn

## International students review SU culture

BY LAUREN ANDERSON  
Staff Writer

SU is home to international students from 69 different countries, and the flags that hang in the Link of Nations represent each one of them, according to the Salisbury University website. One of SU's strongest "claims to fame" is its diversity.

For these students, studying at SU is a unique experience.

For example, take freshman twins Dominika and Joachim Gawryolek. Dominika and Joachim were born in Poland. They lived there for the first twelve years of their life.

In middle school, Dominika and Joachim lived in Pennsylvania, and in high school moved to New Jersey. They then moved to Salisbury for their senior year of high school and now they're at SU, living off campus with their family.

According to Dominika, the hardest part about moving to the US was learning the language. They knew very little English and had to take English as a Second Language classes.

"It's easier now, but I don't think we know all the words we're supposed to know. A lot of people our age know a lot more than us," Dominika said.

Dominika and Joachim also explained the large differences between schools in the United States and Poland. When

asked what was different, they looked at each other and laughed.

"Almost everything," they said together. Schools in Poland are smaller, technology is not as new and teachers are stricter. The twins were quick to say that the professors at Salisbury are "friendlier and more helpful."

Another huge difference is that there are more clubs and activities in the US. In Poland, students go to school and come straight home after an eight-hour workday, even in college.

Dominika and Joachim have learned to make the most of their travels.

"Have as much fun as you can with what you're given," Joachim said.

"... we know all the words we're supposed to know. A lot of people our age know a lot more than us."

- Dominika  
Gawryolek



Submitted Photo

Freshman twins Dominika, left, and Joachim Gawryolek, right, are attending SU after growing up in Poland.

## SUTV to revamp shows

BY SARAH KRAUSS  
Copy Editor

The Salisbury University television station will revamp its show selection to gain a greater student audience. SUTV airs on channels 7.6 and 8.1.

Eager students came prepared with new show ideas at SUTV's first meeting of the 2011-12 school year. Whether it is a new concept for an old show or a fresh idea, members of SUTV hope to target SU students and gain experience in media production.

One of the new shows was proposed by senior media production major Marques Pratt. The show will be a trivia game show similar to Jeopardy that will feature two or three student competitors who can win gift cards as prizes.

"Everyone likes competition, and (people want) to see their friends on TV" rather than just watching people talk," Pratt said.

A sketch improvisation show was suggested by junior Joe Arnett that may incorporate SU's theatre department's improvisation group, Bound

and Gagged.

"Kids like funny stuff and kids like goofy stuff," Arnett said.

A music show idea featuring local bands and live music was pitched by sophomore Cody Dennis. "Everyone loves music, but it's hard to get into the scene," Dennis said.

He said this kind of show will draw attention to SUTV, as well as help out local bands.

Steven Jenkins, a junior media production major and SUTV vice president, is taking a fresh look at a sports show that aired last semester.

"The Endzone" was a debate show where two hosts talk about sports happenings. "Next Question," Jenkins' new idea, will incorporate one host, athletes and more visual highlights.

"Students should watch SUTV because it is a part of what fellow students are doing," Jenkins said. "I hope the (new shows) put (SUTV) on the path of WXSSU and give it the prestige of The Flyer."

For more information, contact Jeanette LeBaron at jlebaron15@gulls.salisbury.edu.

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	Cat on a Hot Tin Roof 8 p.m. Fulton Black Box Theater	Cat on a Hot Tin Roof 2 p.m. Fulton Black Box Theater	
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
Oktoberfest 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fulton Lawn		Cat on a Hot Tin Roof 8 p.m. Fulton Black Box Theater	
Transformers 3 7 p.m. DH 123		Transformers 3 7 and 9 p.m. Holloway Hall	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Monday</b>	
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## Health Report

BY SARAH WOODS  
Health Columnist

Dancing is an activity often associated with physical fitness. However, it can also benefit mental and social health. One of the many dance groups on campus is Untouchables Dance, Inc., a registered student organization through Multicultural Student Services.

UT encourages all styles of dance that its members are interested in such as ballet, jazz, tap and hip-hop. The group welcomes anyone in the campus community regardless of style, experience or gender. UT brings students from all backgrounds together with their shared love of dance. They practice three times per week and have two main yearly shows, as well as other appearances in the community.

A major benefit of participating in an organization like UT is the social camaraderie that results from spending time with a familiar group of people working toward a common goal.

"At the end of the day, we are all a family in UT." This statement can be found on the organization's website.

In addition to the physical benefits of dancing, regularly studies have shown that dance has mental benefits as well. According to a study published by the New England Journal of Medicine in 2003, dancing frequently may decrease an individual's risk of developing dementia by 76 percent. Another study published by the International Journal of Neuroscience in 2005 suggests that dance may help alleviate depression in adolescents by way of stabilizing serotonin and dopamine concentrations in the brain.

According to the National Institutes of Health, one in eight children may suffer from a mental illness. In society where depression is a major health concern, especially for the adolescent and young-adult age group, activities such as dancing may have more to offer than once thought.

## Another Round with Diana and Justin

BY DIANA DWYER  
AND JUSTIN ODENDHAL  
News Editor and Photo Editor

College budget crunches make beers like Natural Bohemian popular party picks, but the tradition of craft beer on the Eastern Shore is no exception in the college scene.

The second-annual Good Beer Festival offered unlimited 2-ounce samples of more than 50 craft beers from over 25 local breweries as well as those from as far as Colorado and California.

"If I had a nickel for every 2-ounce beer I drank, I'd be rich and drunk," senior Bryant Howard said.

The challenge of finding a table on featured pint night on Wednesdays at Specific Gravity Pizzeria & Bottle Shop is a testament to the popularity of craft beer on Delmarva.

Participants queued at the festival for the plentiful pumpkin brews, as well as a variety of ales and lagers. Senior Cody Robbins said Oskar Blues G'Night was his favorite beer at the festival.

"I came here to support local breweries," senior Kevin Palmer said.

Twelve bands on two stages entertained the crowd. Chris English, a blues musician and lecturer of the music department, sang and played guitar with his band on Saturday.

"I came for the good times and the great times," senior Scott Wise said. Eastern Shore heritage was represented by more than the craft beer. Attendees played cornhole games and ate traditional Eastern Shore fare such as crab balls and cakes, barbecue pulled pork, kettle corn and fried pickles.

"I love the craft beer. It has flavor unlike Budweiser and Natty," said an attendee who identified himself as Tyler Durdan, a character from the

movie Fight Club.

The six-hour festival was a test of endurance for some and a race against the clock for those who wanted to try as many samples as they could (responsibly) consume.

"Does anybody have a pillow?" asked senior Sam Kempf, who searched for the most generous sample-pourers.

The Maryland Autumn Wine Festival will similarly offer unlimited samples from Maryland wineries on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and

Sunday from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

**Eastern Shore breweries:** 16 Mile Brewery (Georgetown, Del.), Burley Oak (Berlin, Md.), Dogfish Head Beer (Rehoboth Beach, Del.), Eastern Shore Brewing (St. Michaels), Evolution Brewing Company (Delmar, Del.), Fordham Brewing Company (Dover, Del.) and Old Dominion Brewing Company (Dover, Del.).



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Chris English, Salisbury University music and blues professor, plays with his band on Saturday at the Salisbury Goodbeer Festival at Pemberton Park.

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## Seventh straight win for women's soccer team

BY GEOFFREY GOLD  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's soccer team won against York (Pa.) on Saturday, tying their record of seven straight wins that were achieved in 2004.

The Sea Gulls are at the top of the Capital Athletic Conference, and their record stands 9-3-2 and 5-0 in conference play.

The SU women outshot the Spartans decisively, 19 shots to 2. York's Lauren Ward scored the first goal of the game at 4:24 in the first half, which would turn out to be the Spartans only goal of the game.

Salisbury junior forward Sarah

Pfundstein opened up the scoring for the Gulls at 39:44 in the first half with a shot from the right side of the field into the left corner of the net for her second goal of the season. The half ended with Salisbury leading 1-0.

In the second half, Pfundstein, assisted by Salisbury senior midfielder Katie McMahon, scored again, her second of the match. Only 22 seconds later, Salisbury freshman forward Morgan Brasch put the Gulls up 3-1 with her fourth goal of the season. Brasch went one-on-one with a York defender and sent the ball past the goalie into the right corner.

With only two shots on goal, Salisbury freshmen goalie Michele

Conrad needed only one save to record the win.

"The game went well, and we finished the goal opportunities when we had them," said head coach Jim Nestor. "The game was pretty crowded because the men's soccer team got to watch part of the game because their game was delayed."

The Gull's next game is away against Frostburg University on Saturday at 1 p.m.

**Next home game:**  
Oct. 22 against St. Mary's college at 1 p.m. at the SU Soccer Complex



Justin Odendhal photo  
Junior defenseman Erin Mooney carries the ball past a York College defender in the first half of Saturdays 3-1 win.

## Sea Gulls defeat Springfield

Football wins fifth time in a row.



Justin Odendhal photo

Senior slotback Jonathan Briscoe celebrates his second quarter touchdown run against Springfield College with sophomore lineman R.J. Murray outside of the endzone.

BY PATRICK DRENGWITZ  
Sports Editor

The SU football team is now ranked 12th in the American Football Coaches Association Top 25. The team kept players' hopes of a perfect season alive with their fifth win in a row against Springfield Col-

lege (Ma.) (3-2), a team they had never played before. The Sea Gulls won 65-23.

Senior slot receiver Tyler Curley got the Sea Gulls (5-0) on the board first with a nine-yard touchdown run. The following indicator would be the Gulls only major error of the game; a blocked punt was knocked

into the back of the end zone for a Springfield safety.

Unfazed by the mishap, junior quarterback Dan Griffin led the Gulls down the field with an 83-yard drive, ending in his 22-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Juma Richards. Richards would be the second of 11 different SU play-

ers to score.

SU's famous running game was as present as ever with 311 yards on the ground. Big gains came from Griffin, senior slot back Randal Smedley and senior slot receiver Johnathan Briscoe. Smedley would find the end zone twice, including a huge 43-yard run and Briscoe ran for a 40-yard

himself.

"The hype of the game started over the option versus option teams. Coach Fleetwood told us before the game that this was not so; but it was our execution that mattered," Smedley said.

When asked how they reacted to never playing Springfield before, Smedley replied, "It took some getting used to, but we adapted real well."

In the second quarter, Springfield threatened with two straight touchdowns and cut Salisbury's lead to five points. With these touchdowns, Springfield brought the game to its closest score of 28-23. However, a second-half explosion of offense and rock solid defense by Salisbury put them in the driver's seat for the remainder of the game.

Not to be outdone by the highlight reel that was the offense, the SU defense began to fluster Springfield as well, with linebacker James Piersanti recovering a fumble in the third quarter. The defense was also able to stop Springfield on four straight plays late in the fourth, when all they needed to score was a single yard.

"They run the option, so it was a different week for us," Piersanti said. "It took a little for us to get going, but we had to do our assignments. We buckled down and got the job done."

Another key play on defense came in the fourth quarter when linebacker Alex Akinseye both forced and recovered a fumble, which he turned into a 20-yard touchdown run.

"It was a real headache preparing for a team we've never played," said head coach Sherman Wood. "We had to play assignment football, and we knew we were going to have to score a lot on these guys."

The Sea Gulls play next on Oct. 15, when they travel to Alfred University

## SU Field Hockey too much for Rowan

BY ANDREW CANTOR  
Staff Writer

The No. 1 Salisbury Sea Gulls (11-0) shut out national powerhouse No. 13 Rowan Profs (8-4).

Salisbury has won seven of their last nine games against Rowan. Rowan is led by their senior forward Rachel Dix who is fourth in the country in goals scored, but Salisbury goalie Anna Cooke leads the nation in goals against, allowing an average of 0.42 goals a game.

"They are good. We knew we had to channel them down and get the ball up field," Cooke said.

The first half saw a lot of fouls and very even play, with neither team giving the other an inch of breathing room. The Sea Gulls gained some momentum towards the end of the half as they were able to generate a few scoring opportunities, but the half ended with both teams knotted up at zero.

In the second half, SU put tons of pressure on Rowan and it paid off when senior back Tara McGovern scored from the top of the circle on a penalty corner.

"We had one corner planned but the ball came out and it wasn't there so I took the shot," McGovern said.

The Profs were forced to take a timeout to regain their composure. The floodgates opened when SU forward Caitlin Walker tallied her seventh goal of the season, giving SU a 2-0 lead with 18 minutes left.

The Sea Gulls found the back of the goal two more times with the help of Kristina Fusco and Courtney Webster. Cooke also recorded another shutout as the Sea Gulls won 4-0.

"We really brought it on the second half, a real team effort," said head coach Dawn Chamberlin. "We put together some great passing combinations and that is what we are known for. We find ways to win."

**Next home game:**  
Thursday, 6 p.m. in Sea Gull Stadium against Hood College.



Adam Dunn photo

Summer Washburn, 20, gets ready to make a pass up-field for a scoring chance during Salisbury's 4-0 win against Rowan University on Wednesday.



Justin Odendhal photo

Junior forward Phil Bucheimer looks down the field, ready to shoot during Wednesdays win over Johns Hopkins University.

## Gulls outweigh losing streak with 4 wins

BY STEVEN BERSTLER  
Staff Writer

After a three-game losing streak, the No. 18 Salisbury Men's Soccer team rebounded. The Sea Gulls (7-2-2, 2-1 CAC) came up with a four game-unbeaten streak. This includes a victory over Johns Hopkins and a tie against The College of New Jersey.

On Wednesday, SU picked up a non-conference victory over Johns Hopkins (5-3-3, 3-0-1 Centennial Conf.) with a score of 2-0.

The first half was a chess match between two midfield units as there were only three shots taken.

At the 55th minute, Salisbury's defense pulled a Hopkins forward offside. Goalie Brandon Mumby sent a free kick to senior midfielder Morgan Hunt. Hunt sent a leading pass to forward Trevor Sharpe who buried a shot past Hopkins goalkeeper Nick Cerrone.

Along with Mumby's five saves, jun-

ior defenders Nate Woods and Kyle Simmons limited the Blue Jays to 10 shots.

"This is definitely a big win for us ..."

- Trevor Sharpe

"Our energy was pretty good, especially in the second half," Mumby said.

Outside the 18-yard box, freshman forward Matt Greene heel-flicked a pass over a defender to Sharpe, who blasted his second goal of the game.

"This is definitely a big win for us, especially after the York overtime win," Sharpe said.

On the Saturday of Family Weekend, the parents' trip to the SU Soccer

Complex was certainly worth it. Salisbury and The College of New Jersey played the maximum 110 minutes for a 2-2 tie. TCNJ (4-5-4) got on the board early with a Dan Constants shot past Mumby.

The Sea Gulls responded with two quick goals from Sharpe and Green to give SU a 2-1 lead. However, the Sea Gulls saw their lead slip away at the 87th minute. The score remained 2-2 throughout the two overtime periods.

"These type of games make the difference in terms whether you receive an at-large bid (NCAA tournament) or not," said head coach Gerry DiBar- tolo.

**Next home game:**  
Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at SU Soccer Complex against Wesley College.

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Women's Soccer Eastern 3:30 PM		Men's Soccer TBD (CAC First Round) TBA	
Field Hockey at Catholic 6:00 PM		Volleyball Frostburg St. 11:00 AM	
		Football at Wesley 1:00 PM	
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# Athlete Spotlight



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## Caitlin Walker

BY PATRICK  
DRENGWITZ  
Sports Editor

Salisbury University's women's field hockey team is drenched in talent this

year, evident in their 12-0 record. One of those shining stars is senior forward Caitlin Walker. With seven goals so far this season and CAC Offensive Player of the Week honors in September, Walker is a true asset to the team.

**When did you start playing field hockey?**

"Seventh Grade. I quit soccer on a Saturday and then signed up for field hockey that night and played in a game the next day."

**Do you have any pre-game routines or superstitions?**

"Our team is real superstitious. Like how we walk out, telling each other exactly where to stand. I always wear my sophomore championship ring before the game and then give it to my roommate before the game starts."

**Was the field hockey program one of the main reasons you decided to come to Salisbury?**

"Yeah ... But I wanted to come here and win, and I knew I could with the program."

**What has been your favorite memory with the team so far?**

"Well, obviously winning the national championship

was awesome. Thinking back on last year though, the team was really close. Overall, I feel like this year has been my favorite experience."

**You guys have yet to lose a game; where are the areas of improvement for an 11-0 (the team is now 12-0) squad?**

"We have generally one really good half, (and in) the other, we don't let up, but we don't make very much progress. Goals come in the first half, but not much in the second. Coach Chamberlin would like us to put together 70 minutes of good hockey instead of just one half."

**Has the team played the toughest teams yet or are they still to come?**

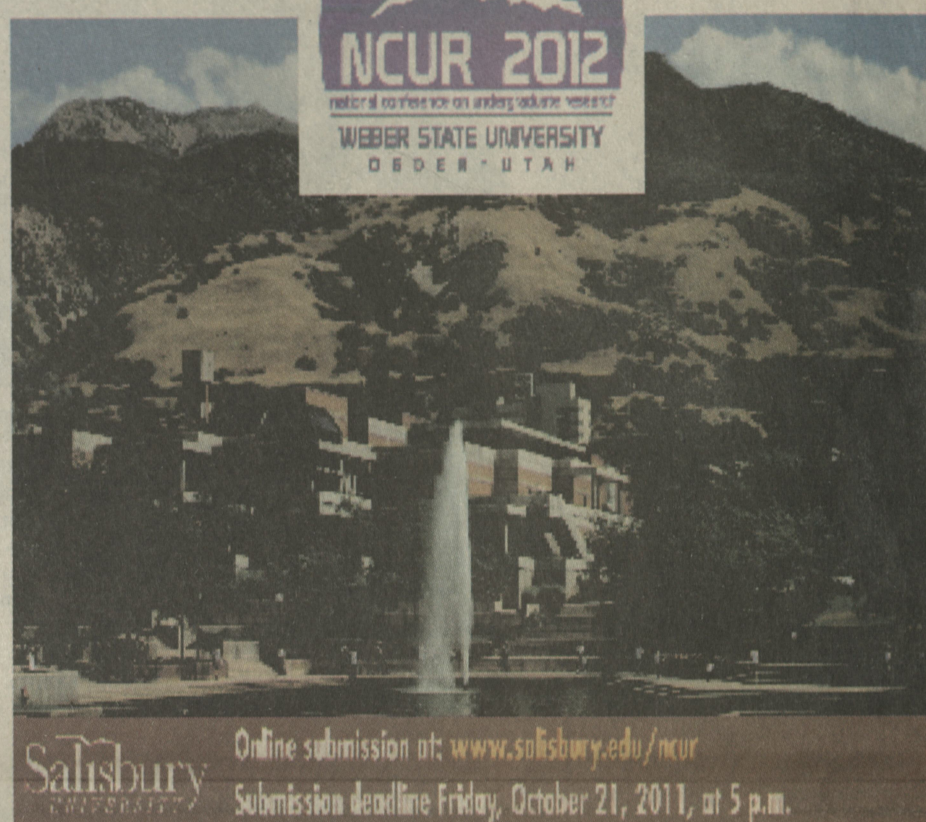
"The toughest teams will definitely be in playoffs. The highest ranked team we played was Messiah College; that day we were ranked number one and they were number three. We definitely played a few top 20 teams and really took it to them. I wouldn't say we have had it easy so far though."

**Do you have any interest in this year's NFL season?**

"I'm an Eagles fan, but it's hard to find time with my busy schedule."

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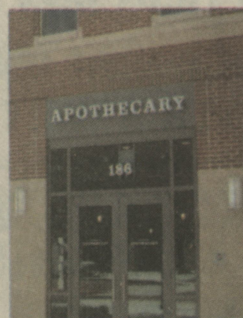
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